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LEAGUE STARTS NEW CLASSES

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PLAN TRAINED CHORUS

Teach Rhythm and Folk Dancing and Hold Lectures on Current Subjects in Wilson Normal School.

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The classes are under the direction of Dr. Hamlin E. Cogswell, director of music in the Washington public schools, and were started last October. Monday evening of each week the league meets in the Wilson Normal School, the work ranging from sight-singing and tone-production to ear training and choral work.

Eighteen songs suitable for informal chorus singing, selected as most appropriate for community work by the National Conference of Music Supervisors, are being used in the classes, and as soon as these are mastered another list will be prepared and the work will continue. The classes are open to anybody and scholars can enroll at any time.

"Believing that it is as natural for people to wish to express their emotions, joy, courage, aspiration, and devotion, through song, as it is for birds," said Mrs. Kober yesterday, "educators in many of our large cities have begun to work out plans by which the general public may have some vocal training. The Board of Education, which is always alert to keep Washington abreast of the times in educational matters, has given every adult an opportunity to obtain some training in this line of work, by permitting Dr. Cogswell to take charge of the work. We hope in time to be able to get a well-trained chorus of a thousand voices, which will be available for grand concerts and other community celebrations."

In addition to the singing classes which are conducted by the Parents' League, various other classes are taught. Last evening at 8:30 o'clock, Dr. Cogswell gave a lecture on "Food Values." This afternoon at 2:30 o'clock there will be a mothers' meeting, to which all mothers are invited. Tomorrow evening Mrs. Caroll Nell Odell, of the Lucile Gale Barber School, will conduct her class in rhythm and folk dancing for adults, beginning at 7:30 o'clock and lasting for one hour.

At 8:30 o'clock James Hugh Keeley will deliver the first of a series of five lectures on the history of the District and its government. In his lecture Wednesday he will outline the conditions which existed before the Federal constitution was adopted.

Alumni Plan Dance.
The second annual dance of Washington Chapter of the Trinity College Alumni Association will be given at Rauscher's on Friday, February 11. Plans for the dance were completed at a tea given Saturday by Mrs. Lawrence V. Grogan, president of the chapter, at her home, 4151 Harrison street northwest.

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Have you ever heard of the Gotham fashion myth?

If you are a woman, of course you have, although perhaps you regarded the theory as a very substantial fact and not as a fanciful myth. How many hundreds of times have you heard expounded the theory that for a woman to be the acme of style, for a woman to be the height of fashion, she must buy her clothes in New York, America's style center. And did you believe it?

Well, if you did, you believed a myth. Yes, it is all a myth. America's best authorities on dress and fashions declare that this theory should be branded a myth. The point was brought out most forcefully in The Sunday Herald in Marie La Roque's "New York Fashion Letter."

"I have come to the conclusion," says Miss La Roque, "that there is just about as much use for a Washington woman—or a woman in any other live-wire city—to come to New York to buy clothes as there is for

a housewife to take a trip to the mill every time she wants some flour to make a cake. The housewife lets the grocer do that for her, and when you want the newest in the season's fashions just let the buyers do the work."

And isn't that really the proper way to look at the situation. It is true that the latest styles may be created in New York, may be the product of the genius of Gotham's modistes, but it should be remembered that these new creations may be obtained in Washington almost simultaneously, for New York and Washington are only five hours apart, and Washington's live business houses lose no time in bringing to the Capital the very latest in the way of fashions.

All this was brought out strikingly yesterday morning in The Washington Herald in the full page advertisement inserted by Woodward & Lothrop, which may be taken as typical of Washington's finest department stores.

"Each day," announced the advertisement, "sees the arrival and placing on display of new merchandise—the

vanguard of the spring fashion tendencies in all their newness and authoritative excellence. Whenever a new style is evolved we are ready to place it before our patrons, provided it is truly representative of the modes and in good taste and refinement."

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Another thing Miss Richards made clear was that the Women's Peace Party had no knowledge of the fact that anti-enlistment pledges were being distributed at its headquarters. Poll's Theater a week ago last Sunday.

Plenty of Men Ready.
As to the men to man the defenses, the speaker said, "I am not sure that while our actual army is small, we have a force scattered throughout the country totaling in round numbers over 1,000,000 men, who have seen effective service during the past twenty years in the ranks of the regular army, the State militia and the agricultural and military schools and universities of the land—a force constantly ready to be called upon by young and able men—and it is folly to say there are no arms for these men, said the general. Today there are more than 1,000,000 standard rifles in good condition ready for use, while hundreds of arms and munitions factories are working overtime, producing millions of cartridges, shells and high explosives of all types for all Europeans, which would be promptly diverted to our own use in case of any threatened attack, it was explained.

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